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Twin City
Highlights

Executives Are Switched At Whirlpool

Whirlpool Corp. has announced major changes in its financial personnel lineup with four men assuming new positions.

Leo R. Montgomery was elected corporate controller and Richard F. Koch elected corporate secretary by Whirlpool's board of directors at the April 25 meeting, according to John H. Platts, chairman of the board.

Montgomery was formerly



LEO R. MONTGOMERY
Corporate Controller



RICHARD F. KOCH
Corporate Secretary

controller for Whirlpool's Laundry group. Prior to his assignment there in 1970, he served as director of corporate financial analysis and forecasting for five years. He has also served in management positions in finance since joining the company in 1951 as an accountant.

Koch joined Whirlpool in 1965 as corporate attorney, and was named assistant secretary and assistant general counsel in 1967. Prior to joining Whirlpool, Koch was a partner in a St. Louis, Mo., law firm, and also was a certified public accountant in a national firm of CPAs.

Koch holds degrees from Washington University, St. Louis, and the University of Michigan Law school.

John Hunter, an assistant treasurer with Whirlpool, was named director of trust fund administration. He was previously corporate controller.

Hunter joined Whirlpool in 1948 as a general accountant, in 1951 was named chief accountant at the LaPorte, Ind., division, and in 1953 was named controller for the division. He became assistant treasurer and corporate controller in 1958.

Richard C. Ward will succeed Montgomery as Laundry Group controller, and was formerly controller of the St. Joseph division.

Ward joined Whirlpool as an accounting trainee in 1961, and later served as internal auditor, financial analyst, and supervisor of distribution accounting for the corporate group.

He was named assistant controller at the St. Paul, Minn., division in 1967, controller a year later, and transferred to the St. Joseph division as controller in 1971.

The former By-Rite supermarket on Red Arrow highway in Benton Heights, closed early this year by Jack McIntosh, a 20-year veteran in the business, will be reopened Sunday by Harlan Rohm, who has 21 years of experience behind him.

The store will be named Ron's supermarket, a familiar meat and grocery name in the area.

Rohm, 46, who operates the meat business at Jetzke's supermarket, South M-139, Scottsdale, will continue in that location, as well as in the Benton Heights store.

Rohm said he has secured a 10-year lease from McIntosh on

the Benton Heights store. The building, owned by McIntosh, also includes a coin laundry. Rohm is not involved in this.

The new location at 2235 Red Arrow, is actually a homecoming for Rohm, who leased the meat business in the former Rizzo store, just west of the new Ron's, in Benton Heights for two years.

Rohm said his supermarket will carry a full line of groceries, as well as meat. His basic grocery supplier is Scott Lad.

The Benton Heights store is expected to employ about 17 persons, said Rohm. The Scott-

dale meat business has eight.

Rohm's will be open seven days a week — 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays, including Saturday. Rohm said an open house is planned in about two weeks, sometime after the Blossomtime activities.

Rohm expects to be at the Benton Heights store fulltime, with his wife, Maurine. He said a son, Mark, 22, will manage the Scottsdale store, while another son, Bill, 25, will be at Benton Heights.

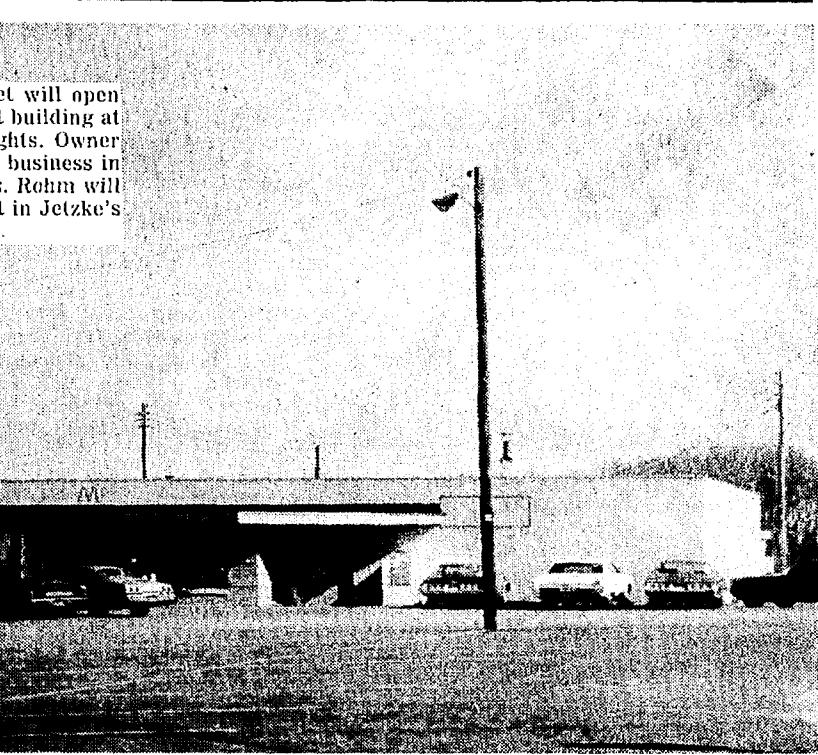
Natives of Kalamazoo, Rohm and his wife began their first meat selling business at Hartford in 1952. They were there for six years, and Rohm also operated a slaughter house. In 1958, they sold this business and acquired a small grocery store at Waterford. This also was a six-year venture. The Rohms then located the meat business at Benton Heights for two years, when Rizzo's closed.

Rohm located at Scottsdale in 1971. He said he owns the building occupied by his market and Jetzke's.

McIntosh entered the real estate sales business this year.

REVENUE UP

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Panax Corp., a Midwestern newspaper publishing company, reported net revenues of \$5,618,795 for the first quarter of 1973 Wednesday, up from \$5,339,050 in the same quarter last year.



RON'S RETURNS: Ron's supermarket will open Sunday at former By-Rite supermarket building at 2235 Red Arrow highway, Benton Heights. Owner Harlan Rohm two years ago had meat business in former Rizzo's store in Benton Heights. Rohm will continue operation of meat department in Jetzke's supermarket, Scottsdale. (Staff photo)

Grocery Will Open In Benton Heights



STOCKING UP: Harlan Rohm and his wife, Maurine, are busy stocking shelves at their new supermarket in Benton Heights. Store will open Sunday with full line of groceries and meats and be open seven days a week. (Staff photo)

Job Bonanza Ends In '74 For Berrien

Berrien County Coordinator Roger Petrie had good news and bad news on the federal Emergency Employment Act for Berrien county cities, townships and other agencies Wednesday.

The good news: EEA will pump \$896,384 into Berrien between now and June 30, 1974.

The bad news: EEA ends June 30, 1974, much later than expected but a final nonetheless.

Petrie made his presentation Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the courthouse, St. Joseph, to representatives from among 18 Berrien county municipalities, schools, county road commission and Berrien General Hospital.

The federal emergency employment program started in August, 1971, and presently accounts for some 136 jobs in Berrien county. The subagents in Berrien are to begin a "planned phase-out" of EEA jobs between now and June 30, 1974, to prevent a mass dumping of former EEA employees when the cutoff takes effect, Petrie reported.

Subagents must first try to find other jobs for EEA employees and at last resort lay them off with a minimum of two weeks' notice, he said.

The subagents' planned phase-out must be presented in writing to Petrie by May 3 so they can be compiled and sent to the U.S. Department of Labor office in Chicago for approval and funding.

Berrien county in total has tentatively been awarded a final \$1,037,900 for EEA, minus \$41,516 to county government in administrative charges on behalf of local units, Petrie said.

The final allocations to subagents, based on labor department criteria using EEA employees on hand in March,

Brandywine schools, \$30,292. Buchanan city, \$6,457. Buchanan schools, \$13,348. Coloma schools, \$12,859.

Eau Claire schools, \$6,457. Galien township schools, \$8,696.

Benton township, \$142,906. Berrien county road commission, \$57,487.

Berrien General hospital, \$15,225.

Berrien Springs schools, \$5,934.

St. Joseph city, \$61,443.

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Owners of Berrien county property with delinquent taxes for 1970 and earlier have until next Monday to pay off and avoid the annual May 1 tax sale.

Berrien Treasurer William C. Heyn announced Wednesday

that the sale starts at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the commissioners' third-floor room of the courthouse, St. Joseph.

He estimated tax obligations for 700 to 800 parcels will be offered for sale. Some 1,733 parcels

were delinquent but through Wednesday some 700 had taxes paid, he reported.

Owners can keep their property taxes off the May 1 sale by appearing in Heyn's office and paying the tax plus penalty and interest. If they pay off after the sale, the tax and penalty are the same but interest is higher.

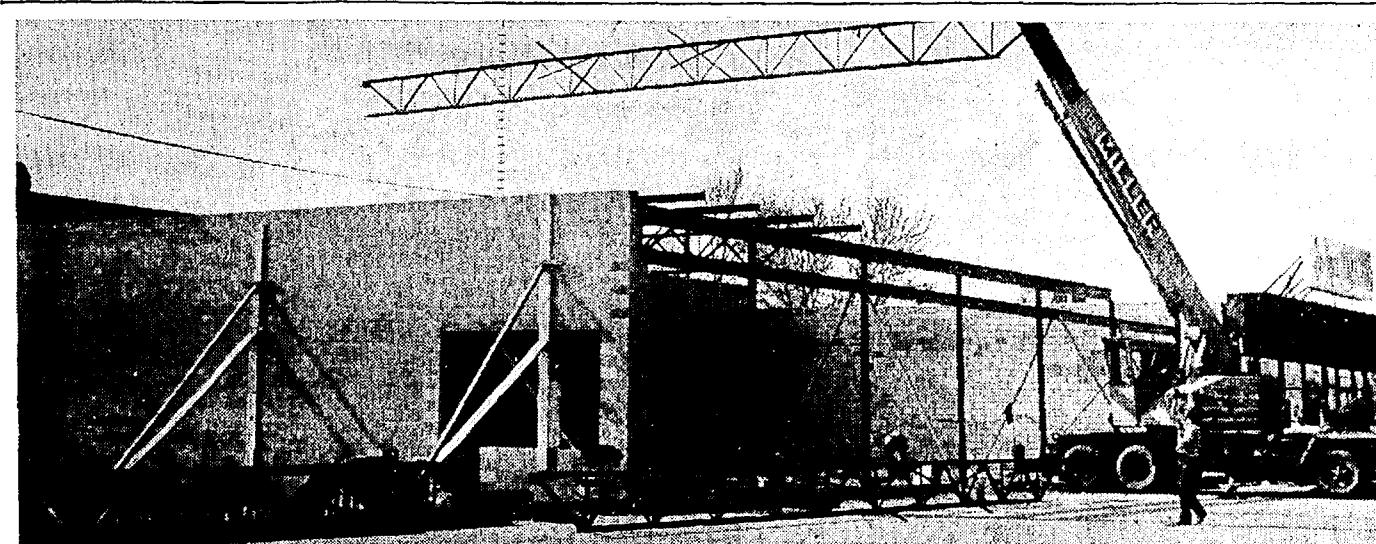
Area residents and some commercial firms with cash to spare annually appear May 1 to buy back taxes and turn a profit on interest when the owner eventually pays the tax off.

Some think they can buy the taxes and eventually acquire ownership of the property, but this is uncommon, Heyn said.

Jackson College
Awarding Degree
To Benton Man

Raymond Jordan, of 1086 Hall Street, Benton township, is one of 218 persons scheduled to receive degrees at commencement exercises May 2 at Jackson Community college in Jackson.

Jordan is scheduled to receive an associate degree in applied arts and science-business.



NEW STORES GO UP AT PLAZA: Crane hoists girder into place during construction of two new stores on west side of Fairplain Plaza. Scheduled to open June 15 are a Circus World Toy store and a Playback, Inc., Stereo and Hi-Fi shop. Circus World will be a franchise operation owned by Michael and Betsy Senecal.

Playback, Inc., will be owned by its Chicago parent company. Big Boy restaurant, another new enterprise at the Plaza, is scheduled to open next month. Big Boy is at the corner of M-139 and Napier avenue at the shopping center in Benton township. (Staff photo)

'Kindergarten Roundup' Is Friday In Lakeshore

Annual "Kindergarten Roundup" for Lakeshore public schools is scheduled from 1 to 4 p.m. Friday, May 4, in Baroda,

Hollywood, Roosevelt, Stevensville and Stewart elementary schools.

Parents whose children will be entering

kindergarten in the fall should bring child's birth certificate to the registration session. A child who will be age five by Dec. 1 is eligible

for enrollment.

School officials said it is not necessary that children attend.

NO GOOD BIDS

CHICAGO (AP)-PICK Hotel Corp. said Wednesday no acceptable bids were offered at an auction of the firm's Pick-Fort Shelby Hotel in Detroit.

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Van Buren Valuation Keeps Pace With State Average

BY STEVE McQUOWN
Paw Paw Bureau

PAW PAW — Van Buren county's state equalized valuation of taxable property increased about 12 per cent in 1973 over 1972, and that's just

about what the state predicts as an average growth, according to Richard Raymond, the county's equalization director.

Raymond commented on the county's SEV after county commissioners approved the

1973 report showing a county SEV of \$264,029,522, an increase of about \$28,340,704 over 1972.

The SEV is the base, which when multiplied by an area's tax rate, provides the amount of

tax revenue that can be expected for the coming year.

Raymond said that some townships experienced growth while other smaller increases in SEV reflects updating of assessments on present and older property.

Largest increase was in Covert township where the SEV was up by nearly 30 per cent, a reflection, Raymond said, of the increasing value of the power plant in the township owned by Consumer's Power Company.

The township now carries about 22 per cent of the value of all the county's real estate and nearly 14 per cent of the personal property taxed in the county.

On the other end of the ladder, South Haven city had an increase of 3.77 per cent in its SEV.

The modest increase reflects a slowed-down construction rate, fewer adjustments in assessments and the tax exemption of some anti-pollution construction in industry, Raymond said.

Here is a list of state equalized valuations by townships and cities, with the 1973 figure first followed by the 1972 figure in parenthesis and the percentage of increase over a year ago.

Townships: Almena \$6,270,757 (\$5,465,310) 14.7; Antwerp \$19,546,345 (\$18,213,845) 7.31; Arlington \$5,434,672 (\$5,038,613) 7.86; Bangor \$5,950,410 (\$5,407,686) 10; Bloomingdale \$6,404,504 (\$6,058,404) 5.71; Columbia \$6,565,397 (\$6,227,660) 5.42; Covert \$41,819, \$54,352,192 (\$41,819,100) 29.96; Decatur \$12,047,563 (\$11,191,787) 7.64; Geneva \$6,923,555 (\$6,359,517) 8.86; Hamilton \$4,366,553 (\$3,875,814) 12.66; Hartford \$12,138,483 (\$10,426,290) 16.42; Keeler \$12,595,848 (\$11,637,538)

8.23; Lawrence \$8,321,750 (\$7,914,189) 5.14; Paw Paw \$25,847,785 (\$24,181,367) 6.89; Pine Grove \$5,786,119 (\$5,067,234) 14.18; Porter \$8,206,724 (\$7,520,032) 9.13; South Haven \$13,894,572 (\$12,703,073) 9.37; and Waverly \$4,989,720 (\$4,447,158) 12.20.

Cities: Bangor \$7,351,420 (\$6,646,265) 10.6; Gobles \$2,213,585 (\$2,099,457) 5.43; Hartford \$6,576,511 (\$6,169,996) (\$6,169,996) 6.58; South Haven, \$28,245,077 (\$27,218,483) 3.77.

FIRST PLACE: Awarded first place as the Agricultural Development of the Year in Region 9 was this entry from Michigan Wineries of Paw Paw. Warner's Michigan Brut Champagne was judged by the selection committee as having been the most significant new development in agriculture during the past year.

competition were: Fran Hardin of WKZO-TV's Accent show; Dan Ryan, Editor of the Kalamazoo Gazette; and, Francis Hamilton, senior vice president of The First National Bank and Trust Company of Michigan.

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Paw Paw Winery Is Award Winner

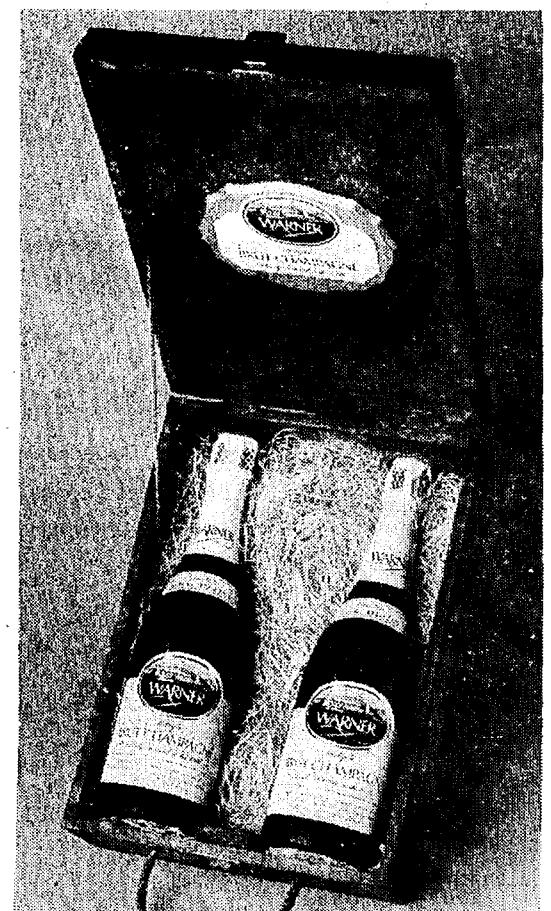
KALAMAZOO — Michigan Wineries has been named Region 9 winner of the Agricultural Development division in the Michigan Product of the Year competition.

The Paw Paw winery won the division championship for Warner's Michigan Brut Champagne. This limited edition champagne, the result of over 200 hand operations and two years of careful aging, represents a major breakthrough in Michigan wine development. As the first and only fermented-in-the-bottle champagne produced in the Midwest, Warner's Michigan Brut Champagne is individually numbered to assure it meets the highest standards of quality as set by all wine connoisseurs.

First place in the Consumer Product of the Year competition went to the Middle Earth company of Kalamazoo for a new game on the market called "Chutzpah - My Son The Doctor." The entry is actually two games in one package.

The Kaltec Scientific Instrument company, also of Kalamazoo, entered the winning product in the Non-Consumer Product of the Year category. The winning entry, a Rorexels Hi-Shear Viscometer is now being used extensively in the chemical, pharmaceutical, paper and food processing industries for measuring the viscosity (flow properties) of various liquids.

Judges for the regional



Annual Sodus Cleanup To Be Held Saturday

More than 100 volunteer adults and students are expected Saturday, April 28, for the annual Sodus township clean-up.

Cochairmen of the project, sponsored by the township board, are John Murray and George Kamradt.

Murray said drivers and helpers will report to the township hall at 8 a.m. for route assignments covering all roads in the township.

township. He said the project is expected to be completed before noon, when a lunch donated by the Mt. Pleasant-Bayview club will be served to workers in the township hall.

In connection with the clean-up project, Murray said, the Mt. Pleasant-Bayview club also is sponsoring a poster contest for school children.

Farmers Facing Higher Fuel Bills

By Associated Press

Michigan farm cooperatives, like other bulk gasoline purchasers, are beginning to feel the pinch of tightening gas supplies.

Farmers won't run out of gas, but they may be forced to start buying from gas stations at higher prices — a cost that is likely to be passed on to the consumer in increased food bills.

Kenneth Harvey, vice president of operations services at the Michigan Farm Bureau, said, "Things are going to be extremely tight" this spring for farmers using gasoline-powered equipment.

Users of diesel fuel, which virtually is interchangeable with heating oil, won't have any problem until next fall when the heating season begins, he added.

"We've received calls all day for the past several days from farmers and some cooperatives all over the state," Harvey said. "Most of them were asking where they could get gasoline or why the price they have been paying has gone up."

The farm bureau is a statewide cooperative. Its membership includes 10,000 farmers and some local farm cooperatives.

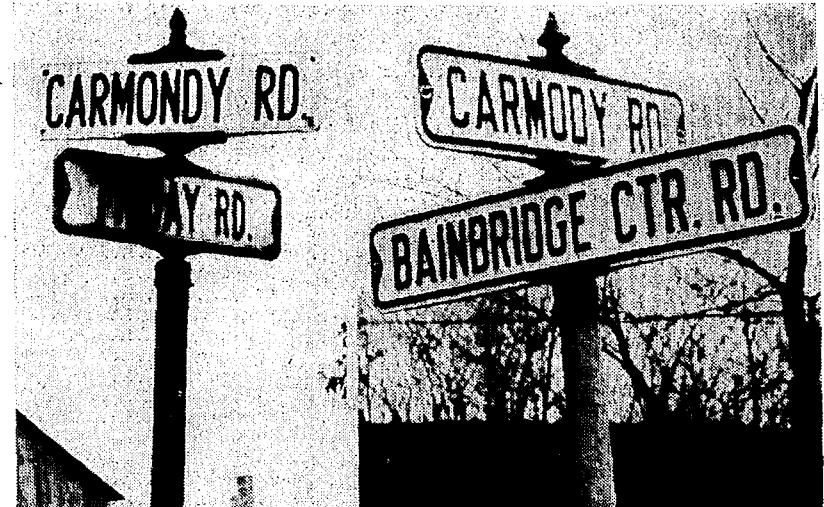
Harvey said he is not overly concerned about the fate of this year's crop.

"If we set priorities and watch how the gasoline is used, I think all the crops will get planted," he said.

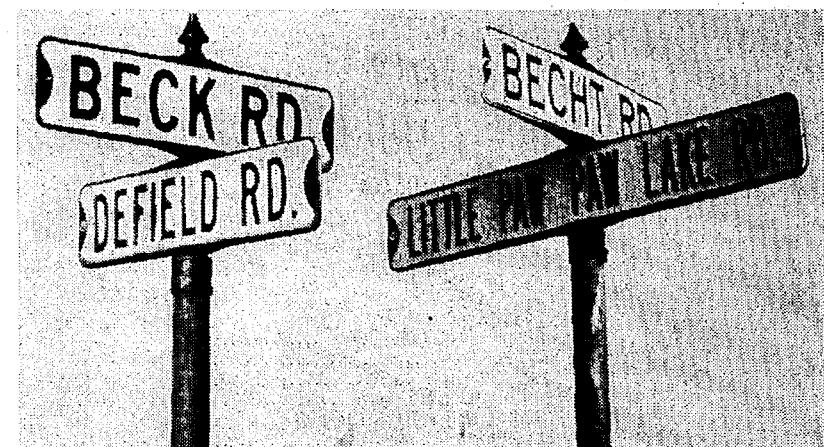
Other bulk purchasers of gasoline, including the city of Detroit and the state of Michigan, recently reported serious difficulties in making large buys.



HOME HUNTING: These puppies don't know where they came from, but they know where they would like to go — right into homes with lots of tender loving care. They are purported to be a mixture of Cocker Spaniel and something else. The Berrien Humane Society shelter, 641 South Crystal avenue, Benton township, frequently receives puppies without pedigrees who make faithful pets when adopted. (Staff photo)



TAKE YOUR PICK: Spelling of Carmody road sign at Friday road will be changed, taking out the letter "N" to correct the name, according to Heath Calvin, Berrien county road commission engineer-manager. Correct spelling is Carmody, shown by sign at intersection with Bainbridge Center road about 1.2 miles away. (Cliff Stevens photos)



GLIMPSE INTO HISTORY: Difference in spelling on Beck road signs in Coloma township apparently is result of aging sign, according to Heath P. Calvin, engineer-manager of Berrien county road commission. Beck is current spelling, according to official county road map, Calvin said, but county also has older maps where road was labeled Becht road. Some signs have been up 20 or more years, he said. The Becht spelling at Little Paw Paw lake road intersection will be changed, Calvin said. (Cliff Stevens photos)

Grand Mere Cleanup Day Is Saturday

Fourth annual Grand Mere cleanup day starts 9 a.m., Saturday, April 28 and provides the perfect way to fulfill an "Earth Week" responsibility.

Dr. John Sharon, general chairman of the Grand Mere cleanup campaign, urged both individuals and members of organizations to gather at Lincoln township's North Lake park Saturday morning.

Plastic bags will be distributed and

cleanup teams assigned to various areas of the Grand Mere area.

The cleanup day is in preparation for the annual Grand Mere bike scheduled for Sunday, May 6.

Grand Mere association officials said there is an added bonus for workers Saturday — many wild flowers are in bloom, weeks ahead of schedule.



LIONS AWARD: Joseph Kelly, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Kelly, Kinst road, New Buffalo, is winner of New Buffalo Lions club \$500 scholarship. A senior at New Buffalo high school, Kelly plans to enroll in fall at Northern Michigan university, Marquette.

St. Joe Retiree On SBA Council

Robert J. Criddle, Jr., a retired Whirlpool executive has been appointed to the Small Business Administration's Detroit District Advisory council.

U.S. Rep. Edward Hutchinson said the appointment was made by Thomas S. Kleppe, SBA chief administrator in Washington.

The Detroit District Advisory council is composed of 30 members who meet twice a year to give the SBA guidance on policy matters.

The non-salaried council also plays an important role in encouraging banks to participate in SBA-guaranteed loans to businesses. Ninety-five per cent of the money SBA approves for

loans is from the private sector.

Kleppe also extended an invitation to Criddle to join SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives), a voluntary group, sponsored by SBA, which counsels owners of small businesses.

Nationally, SCORE is composed of some 4,000 retired executives from practically every type of business and industry, who use their know-how to point out ways of more profitable and efficient operations.

Criddle retired a year ago as director of construction for Whirlpool. He is a former Berrien county Republican chairman and



ROBERT J. CRIDDLE

Named To SBA Council

member of the St. Joseph board of education. He and his wife live on Lake Shore avenue, Hagar township.

Berrien Springs Sewage Project Likely To Be Delayed Five Months

The Berrien county board of public works (BPW) learned Wednesday the planned completion of the Berrien Springs sewage plant expansion likely will be delayed some five months.

Amnu Patel, project engineer, told the BPW in the courthouse, St. Joseph, that the plant was to be finished the end of April but likely won't be completed until the end of September due to equipment deliveries and design changes requested by the state health department.

A change order to effect an extension of contract and allow a late finish is expected to be presented to the BPW in the near future.

The BPW approved one change order for Patel's job, \$25,113 to add 400 square feet to the plant's laboratory at state health department request.

In other actions Wednesday, the BPW:

—Voted to spend not more than \$5,000 with Kovtan And

McMurray of St. Joseph for an audit and to devise a uniform accounting system.

—Voted to offer the \$15,000-plus county engineer's job to an out-of-state engineer, but asked that his name be kept confidential until he affirms.

—Heard Hanumanthaiya Marur, chief engineer for Kraft Engineering, report the Watervliet township sewage collection system's construction will cost \$3,770,606.60, or 2.9 per cent over the original contract estimate. But that's still \$50,364 less than the original estimate plus \$160,000 in contingencies.

—Okayed Change Order No. 17 for the Hickory Creek sewer interceptor to permit Yerington & Harris to demolish and replace with sand some 10,000 cubic yards — at an estimated extra cost of \$46,700 — on the route across proposed I-94 business loop in St. Joseph township.